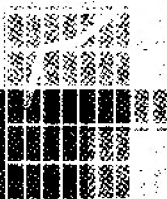


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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

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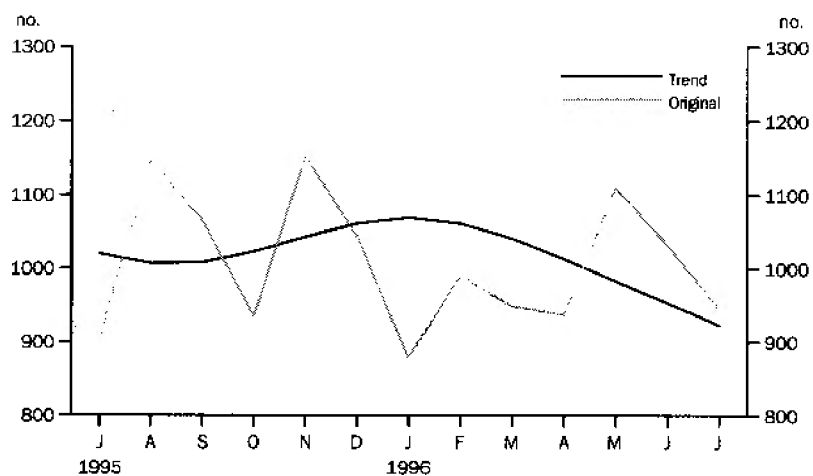
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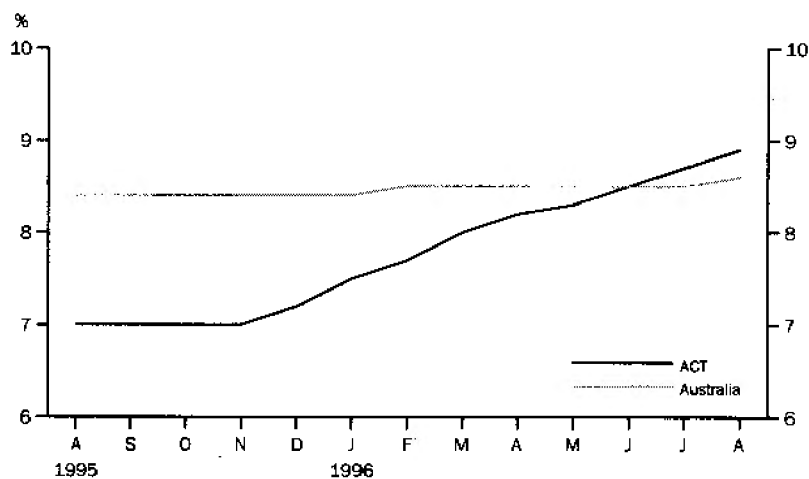
Unemployment	The trend number of persons employed in the ACT has fallen for each of the last 10 months from a peak of 159,700 persons in October 1995 to 154,700 persons in August 1996 (an overall fall of 5,000 persons or 3.1%). Over the same period, the trend unemployment rate has steadily increased from 7.0% to 8.9% and the trend participation rate has decreased from 74.3% to 72.8%. The trend unemployment rate is the highest on record.
Industrial disputes	In May 1996, there were 40 working days lost per 1,000 employees in the ACT compared with 101 working days lost per 1,000 employees nationally.
Housing and construction	<p>The trend number of dwelling units financed (includes refinancing) in the ACT during July 1996 increased to 816 dwellings (an overall increase of 3.2%). Refinancing of existing dwellings comprised 33% of the total number of dwelling units financed (original terms) in July 1996, which was up from 29% in the previous month. The trend estimate for the value of commitments in the ACT in July 1996 was \$80.3 million, an increase of 2.8% on the previous month.</p> <p>The trend number of dwelling units approved in the ACT has fallen for each of the last 8 months from a peak of 235 dwellings in November 1995 to 105 dwellings in July 1996 (an overall fall of 55.3%). Nationally the total number of dwelling units approved rose by 0.2% to 10,375.</p>
Price indexes	The quarterly established house price index for Canberra rose by 0.3% in June 1996 after a fall of 1.2% in March 1996. Nationally, the index increased by 1.2% in the June quarter 1996. In the 12 months from June 1995, the price index decreased by 0.5% for the ACT compared to a 1.1% increase for the capital cities' weighted average.
Average weekly earnings	Trend estimates of average weekly earnings for the ACT continued the steady upward movement of the past two years. The average weekly earnings for May 1996 was \$639.10, an increase of 0.4% from the previous quarter. Nationally average weekly earnings increased by 0.9% to \$564.60.
Retail turnover	The trend estimate for retail turnover in the ACT for July 1996 was \$195.4 million, up slightly on the previous month's figure of \$193.5 million. Nationally trend retail turnover has increased by 5.2% over the last 12 months compared to 6.1% for the ACT.
Motor vehicle registrations	The trend estimate for new motor vehicle registrations for the ACT in July 1996 was 923, a decrease of 3.1% over June 1996, and 9.5% lower than that recorded for July 1995. Nationally, the trend for total new registrations in July 1996 recorded the first fall (0.3%) since October 1995.

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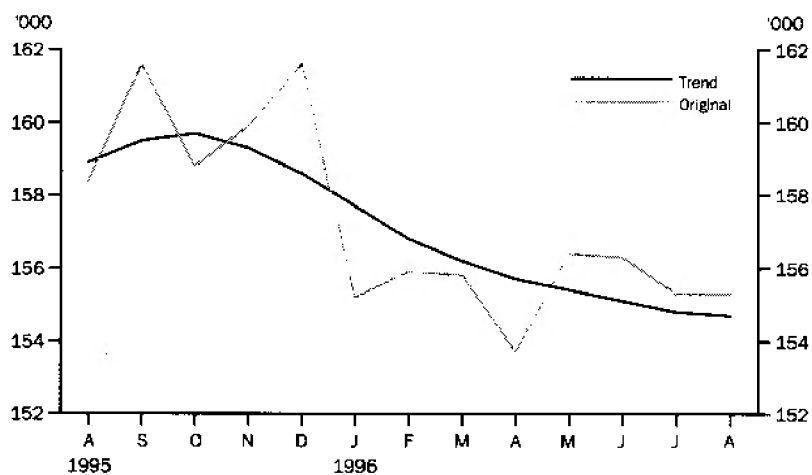
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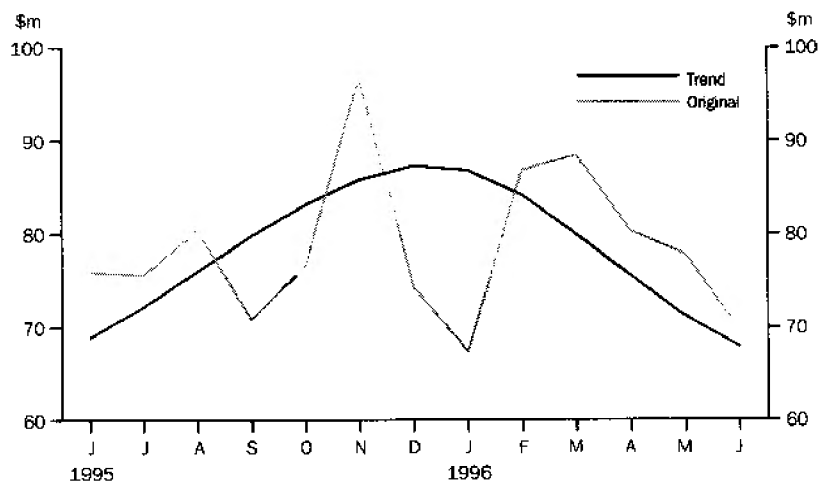
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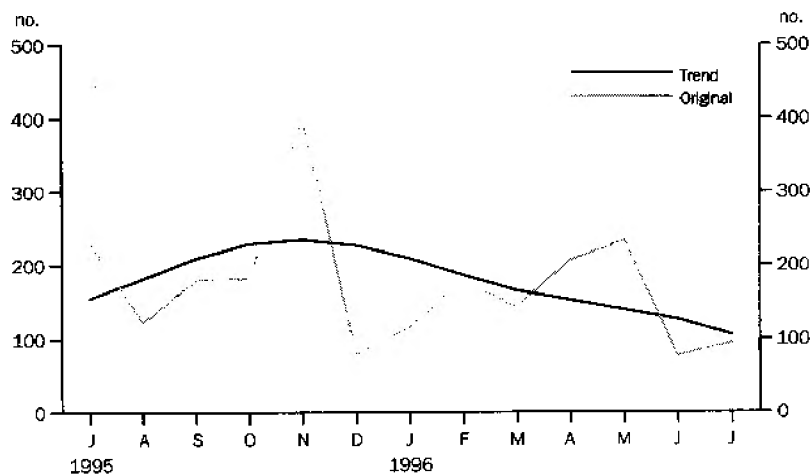
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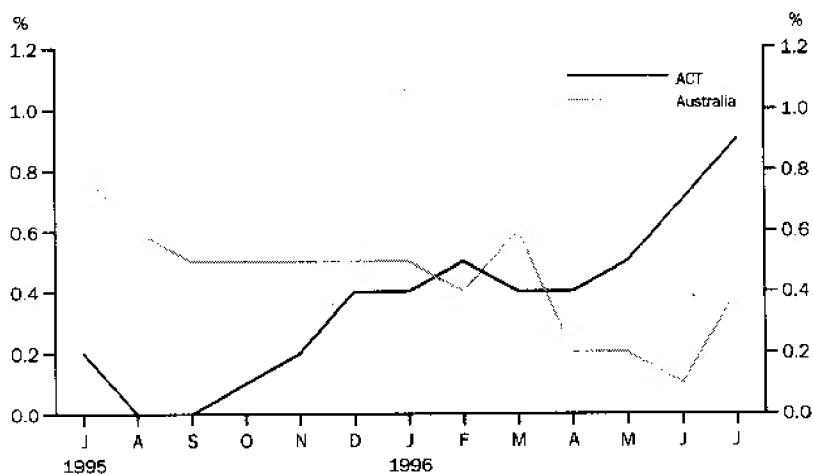
HOUSING FINANCE —
TOTAL HOUSING
COMMITMENTS — TREND
FINANCE RATE



BUILDING APPROVALS —
DWELLING UNITS APPROVED



RETAIL TURNOVER —
TREND PERCENTAGE
CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS
MONTH



TEENAGE LABOUR MARKET, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY, JUNE 1996

The teenage labour market displays different characteristics to the adult labour market. Young people have higher levels of job mobility, lower average incomes and a different occupation profile to the rest of the working population. It is during these years that the transition from full-time education to employment occurs.

In June 1996 the ACT had a total estimated resident population of 23,100 in the 15–19 year age group. Of the 14,100 in the labour market, 2,200 were employed full time and 8,200 part time with the remaining 3,600 unemployed. This represents a participation rate of 60.9%, which is above the national average of 57.4%. The unemployment rate for those aged 15–19 was 25.4% and the average duration of unemployment was 20.7 weeks. Of the 3,600 unemployed teenagers who made up this 25.4% unemployment rate, 1,900 (53%) were seeking part-time employment while also attending a school or a tertiary institution full time, while 1,700 (47%) were attending neither school nor a tertiary institution full time. Combining part-time employment with full-time education is clearly a common practice for a large number of teenagers in the ACT, thus accounting for the high teenage unemployment rate and the low average weekly hours worked by employed persons (15.3 hours).

In June 1996 the employment/population ratio of persons aged 15–19 was 45.5%, and the unemployment/population ratio was 15.4%. While the unemployment rate shows the proportion of those unemployed in the labour force (i.e. employed plus the unemployed) for any given group, the employment to population ratio gives the proportion of unemployed in the group to the total population for the group (the labour force plus those not in the labour force).

Similar labour force details for persons aged 20–24 are contained in the following table.

TEENAGE LABOUR MARKET, JUNE 1996

	Unit	Age group (years)			Total
		15–19	20–24	25 and over	
Employed					
Full-time workers	'000	2.2	14.9	99.2	116.3
Part-time workers	'000	8.2	7.4	24.3	40.0
Total employment	'000	10.5	22.3	123.6	156.3
Unemployed					
Looking for full-time work	'000	1.8	1.7	5.5	9.0
Looking for part-time work	'000	1.8	0.3	1.3	3.4
Total unemployed	'000	3.6	2.0	6.8	12.4
Labour force	'000	14.1	24.3	130.3	168.7
Not in labour force	'000	9.0	5.4	49.4	63.8
Unemployment rate	%	25.4	8.3	5.2	7.3
Participation rate	%	60.9	81.8	72.5	72.6
Unemployment/population ratio	%	15.5	—	—	—
Employment/population ratio	%	45.5	75	68.8	67.3
Average weekly hours worked by employed persons	hours	15.3	31.1	34.9	33.0
Average duration of unemployment	weeks	20.7	31.0	35.1	30.3

Source: Labour Force, Australia June 1996 (6203.0).

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AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS: SALES, JUNE QUARTER 1996/MARCH QUARTER 1997, EXPECTED AGGREGATE CHANGE

<i>Period</i>	<i>Australian Capital Territory</i>	<i>Australia</i>
	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
Short-term		
June qtr 1995–Sept. qtr 1995	0.8	1.3
Sept. qtr 1995–Dec. qtr 1995	2.0	2.1
Dec. qtr 1995–Mar. qtr 1996	0.5	–0.2
Mar. qtr 1996–June qtr 1996	1.8	2.3
June qtr 1996–Sept. qtr 1996	0.4	1.6
Medium-term		
June qtr 1995–June qtr 1996	–0.8	2.3
Sept. qtr 1995–Sept. qtr 1996	3.1	3.4
Dec. qtr 1995–Dec. qtr 1996	3.8	4.4
Mar. qtr 1996–Mar. qtr 1997	2.3	4.1
June qtr 1996–June qtr 1997	1.4	3.6

Indicator	Unit	Australian Capital Territory			Australia		
		Latest figure	Change from		Latest figure	Change from	
			Previous period	Same period previous		Previous period	Same period previous
POPULATION, VITAL AND LABOUR							
POPULATION, December qtr 95	'000	304.9	—	1.1	18 173.6	0.3	1.3
Natural increase	no.	964	37.3	22.3	30 744	4.9	-7.6
Net migration	no.	-927	-1 216.9	50.7	28 428	-8.6	223.1
Total increase	no.	37	-95.3	-78.6	59 172	-2.1	40.6
LABOUR FORCE, August 96							
Original series							
Employed	'000	155.3	-0.6	-2.0	8 379.9	0.3	1.0
Unemployed	'000	13.2	6.5	18.9	731.6	0.2	3.1
Unemployment rate ¹	%	7.9	0.6	1.4	8.0	—	0.1
Participation rate ¹	%	72.4	-0.2	-1.2	63.4	0.1	-0.3
Long-term unemployed (June 96)	no.	2 579	1.5	-4.7	202 399	-1.5	-16.7
Long-term unemployed as percentage total unemployed (June 96) ¹	%	20.9	2.1	-4.2	27.7	0.6	-5.8
Trend series							
Employed	'000	155.3	—	-1.6	8 330.6	0.1	0.9
Unemployed	'000	14.4	0.7	19.0	771.8	-0.7	2.2
Unemployment rate ¹	%	8.5	0.1	1.4	8.5	—	0.1
Participation rate ¹	%	72.9	-0.1	-0.8	63.4	—	-0.3
JOB VACANCIES, May 96	'000	0.8	-50.0	-38.5	53.6	-16.1	-0.2
INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES IN PROGRESS, May 96							
Working days lost	'000	2.2	—	2 100	164.0	138.7	85.1
Days lost per '000 employees (year ended May 96)	no.	40.0	60	566.7	101.0	12.2	20.2
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION							
HOUSING FINANCE, July 96							
Secured commitments to individuals for							
Original series							
Construction of dwellings	\$m	8.2	41.4	17.1	535.9	14.8	-1.3
Purchase of new dwellings	\$m	11.6	141.7	33.3	204.1	31.4	11.3
Purchase of established dwellings	\$m	50.5	25.6	17.4	3 475.4	21.1	22.3
Total housing commitments	\$m	102.3	46.8	35.3	4 215.4	20.7	18.1
Seasonally adjusted series							
Total housing commitments	\$m	103.5	56.3	25.6	4 014.3	17.4	10.7
Trend series							
Dwelling units financed	no.	816	3.2	10.4	37 419	-0.3	3.2
Total housing commitments	\$m	80.3	2.8	11.2	3 677.1	-0.1	5.2
BUILDING APPROVALS, July 96							
Original series							
Dwelling units	no.	95	23.4	-59.1	11 747.0	21.5	2.3
Value of new residential	\$m	10.5	26.5	-62.8	1 177.1	30.0	-2.6
Value of residential alterations and additions	\$m	4.3	34.4	-8.5	208.4	15.6	11.0
Value of non-residential	\$m	35.5	-40.2	188.6	873.6	2.8	42.5
Value of total building	\$m	50.4	-28.9	11.5	2 259.1	16.7	12.5
Trend series							
Dwelling units	no.	105	-16.7	-32.3	10 375	0.2	-7.0
BUILDING COMMENCEMENTS, March qtr 96							
New houses	no.	217	-43.6	-34.0	19 072.0	-14.5	-21.6
Value of houses commenced	\$m	24.5	-45.6	-36.7	2 007.8	-11.7	-15.4
Value of non-residential building commenced	\$m	99.3	70.9	78.9	2 610.6	4.5	-8.7
Value of total commencements	\$m	149.5	-2.3	14.7	6 074.8	-0.6	-11.3
PRICE INDEXES							
(1989-90=100.0)							
Established house price index, June qtr 96		127.4	0.3	-0.5	113.6	1.2	1.1

For footnotes see end of table.

Indicator	Unit	Australian Capital Territory			Australia		
		Change from			Change from		
		Latest figure	Previous period	Same period previous	Latest figure	Previous period	Same period previous
PRICES, WAGES AND CONSUMER SPENDING							
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, June qtr 96							
Food	(1989-90=100.0)	119.6	0.3	2.5	117.1	1.0	3.0
Housing	(1989-90=100.0)	112.5	0.3	1.6	106.3	0.6	1.5
Transportation	(1989-90=100.0)	129.9	1.9	6.4	123.8	1.1	4.2
All groups	(1989-90=100.0)	121.4	0.5	3.2	119.8	0.7	3.1
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, May 96							
Original series							
Males	\$	742.6	-2.3	3.4	671.5	0.5	2.9
Females	\$	541.3	2.9	4.8	441.1	0.4	2.6
Total persons	\$	641.4	0.3	4.1	564.4	0.3	3.0
Trend series							
Males	\$	747.8	-0.4	4.2	672.0	0.8	2.9
Females	\$	531.4	1.3	3.8	440.1	0.9	2.5
Total persons	\$	639.1	0.4	3.9	564.6	0.9	3.0
RETAIL TURNOVER, July 96							
Original series							
Food retailing	\$m	79.4	3.7	10.6	4 116.3	4.6	8.7
Department stores	\$m	24.2	10.5	-3.2	936.3	6.0	6.3
Hospitality and services	\$m	31.8	14.0	3.6	1 716.6	2.5	1.3
All other retailing	\$m	56.7	1.1	3.3	3 379.6	6.9	9.5
Total	\$m	192.1	5.3	5.3	10 148.8	5.1	7.4
Trend Series							
Food retailing	'000	81.4	1.0	9.4	4 179.3	0.5	7.5
Department stores	\$m	24.0	1.7	—	975.6	0.9	1.6
Hospitality and services	\$m	30.0	1	2.4	1 757.6	-0.4	1.8
All other retailing	%	60.0	0.7	6.2	3 391.7	0.6	5.4
Total	'000	195.4	1.0	6.1	10 304.2	0.4	5.2
TOURISM AND TRANSPORT							
HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION, December qtr 95							
Original series							
Room nights	'000	216.0	2.6	0.1	9 293.5	-0.1	2.7
Takings at current prices	\$m	19.2	1.1	4.3	873.6	2.6	9.6
Takings at 1989-90 prices	\$m	16.0	0.6	-1.2	737.5	1.8	4.4
Room occupancy rate (March qtr 96) ¹	%	59.8	-4.8	-5.6	59.0	-0.7	0.9
Seasonally adjusted series							
Room nights	'000	202.3	-2.8	-0.8	9 106.2	1.1	2.8
Takings at current prices	\$m	18.1	-6.2	2.3	841.8	1.3	9.7
Takings at 1989-90 prices	\$m	15.1	-6.8	-2.6	710.6	0.6	4.5
Trend series							
Room nights	'000	200.4	-5.6	-4.1	9 081.2	0.8	2.8
Takings at current prices	\$m	18.1	-6.7	-1.6	841.1	1.7	9.7
Takings at 1989-90 prices	\$m	15.5	-4.3	-4.3	711.0	1.2	5.1
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, July 96							
Motor vehicles	no.	945	-8.4	4.8	54 976	-13.7	3.9
Seasonally adjusted motor vehicles	no.	852	-10.6	-9.8	50 651	-17.7	-3.9
Trend motor vehicles	no.	923	-3.1	-9.5	54 883	-0.3	3.3

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Indicator	Unit	Australian Capital Territory			Australia		
		Latest figure	Previous period	Change from	Latest figure	Previous period	Change from
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AGGREGATE INDICATORS							
STATE ACCOUNTS, March qtr 96 ²							
Original series							
Gross State product at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	1 951	-12.2	1.2	104 318	-8.1	4.0
Gross State product at current prices	\$m	2 330	-11.1	2.7	117 876	-7.2	6.8
State final demand at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	2 770	-8.4	3.9	101 583	-8.2	4.1
Private final consumption expenditure	\$m	1 346	-8.4	5.2	73 492	-7.3	7.4
Private gross fixed capital expenditure	\$m	174	-24.0	-11.7	17 394	-14.1	0.6
Trend series							
Gross State product at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	2 102	0.4	0.9	107 825	1.0	3.4
Gross State product at current prices	\$m	2 496	1.3	2.8	121 678	1.6	6.1
State final demand at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	2 938	1.0	2.7	107 068	0.9	3.1
Private final consumption expenditure	\$m	1 420	1.2	5.0	76 476	1.5	6.8
Private gross fixed capital expenditure	\$m	207	5.6	-5.5	19 074	0.0	-1.0

¹ Change shown in terms of percentage points.

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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY IN RELATION TO THE REST OF AUSTRALIA

Indicator	Unit	Latest period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
POPULATION											
LABOUR FORCE											
Employed persons (trend)	'000	December qtr 95	6 155.0	4 521.8	3 316.5	1 475.9	1 747.0	473.2	176.7	304.9	18 173.6
Unemployment rate (trend)	%	August 96	2 791.7	2 082.4	1 539.0	662.1	844.1	201.3	83.3	154.7	8 358.2
		August 96	8.0	8.7	9.4	9.3	7.8	10.6	5.9	8.9	8.6
STATE ACCOUNTS¹											
Gross State product at 1989-90 prices (trend)	\$m	March qtr 96	36 672	28 647	17 453	7 467	11 759	2 182	1 224	2 102	107 825
Gross State product at current prices (trend)	\$m	March qtr 96	42 126	32 019	19 447	8 786	12 689	2 552	1 292	2 496	121 678
BUILDING APPROVALS											
Dwelling units approved	no.	July 96	4 470	2 095	3 011	528	1 265	121	162	95	11 747
Dwelling units approved (trend)	no.	July 96	3 808	1 930	2 770	449	1 155	170	172	105	10 375
Value of non-residential building approved	\$m	July 96	289.0	133.9	224.6	41.9	72.6	38.2	37.8	35.5	873.6
Value of all buildings approved	\$m	July 96	850.0	404.9	558.3	92.5	198.4	50.0	54.6	50.4	2 259.1
ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION											
Value of engineering construction work done	\$m	March qtr 96	1 218.9	604.9	688.8	198.8	584.3	78.2	42.5	29.8	3 446.2
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS											
Full-time adult ordinary time (trend)	\$	May qtr 96	700.20	666.00	619.50	634.00	688.50	631.50	667.80	774.50	670.70
RETAIL TRADE											
Retail turnover (trend)	\$m	July 96	3 720.5	2 326.1	1 887.8	783.4	1 026.2	248.1	116.8	195.4	10 304.2
HOTELS, MOTELS & GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION											
Room nights occupied (trend)	'000	December qtr 95	3 128.3	1 473.3	2 388.0	509.2	811.5	274.8	295.8	200.4	9 081.2
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS											
Trend	no.	July 96	19 214	13 108	10 427	3 520	5 870	1 205	615	923	54 883
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX											
Food	Unit	Latest period	Syd.	Melb.	Bris.	Adel.	Perth	Hob.	Dar.	Canb.	Aust.
(1989-90=100.0)		June qtr 96	117.7	115.4	117.8	118.4	117.8	118.4	118.6	119.6	117.1
Housing		June qtr 96	110.0	100.4	112.5	103.9	101.6	107.6	121.7	112.5	106.3
Transportation		June qtr 96	124.2	123.5	122.1	125.3	123.9	119.8	119.3	129.9	123.8
All Groups		June qtr 96	119.9	119.2	120.4	122.0	117.9	120.6	120.8	121.4	119.8
Average retail prices (cents)											
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	1 litre	June qtr 96	113.0	121.0	114.0	113.0	120.0	120.0	115.0	106.0	n.a.
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	June qtr 96	194.0	174.0	190.0	141.0	180.0	152.0	190.0	185.0	n.a.
Beef, rump steak	1 kg	June qtr 96	1 283.0	1 116.0	1 089.0	1 168.0	1 089.0	1 143.0	1 271.0	1 097.0	n.a.
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	June qtr 96	330.0	348.0	311.0	348.0	331.0	372.0	382.0	302.0	n.a.
Potatoes	1 kg	June qtr 96	83.0	99.0	86.0	70.0	113.0	77.0	113.0	78.0	n.a.
Coffee, instant (jar)	150 g	June qtr 96	569.0	569.0	594.0	528.0	571.0	633.0	598.0	571.0	n.a.
Scotch nip, public bar	30 ml	June qtr 96	316.0	274.0	251.0	321.0	324.0	234.0	307.0	278.0	n.a.
Private motoring petrol, leaded	1 litre	June qtr 96	75.0	74.1	66.3	75.9	76.4	77.4	79.4	78.7	n.a.
Private motoring petrol, unleaded	1 litre	June qtr 96	73.0	71.9	64.1	73.6	74.3	75.4	77.4	76.5	n.a.

¹ State estimates are not comparable to national estimates for June quarter 1995 due to revised aggregates in Australian National Accounts, State Accounts (5242.0).

Indicator	Latest period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
POPULATION	Dec. qtr 95	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.4	—	1.1	—	0.3
LABOUR FORCE										
Employed persons (trend)	August 96	0.1	0.1	0.2	—	0.4	—	0.5	-0.1	0.2
Unemployment rate (trend) ¹	August 96	—	0.1	0.1	—	0.1	-0.1	-0.4	0.2	—
STATE ACCOUNTS²										
Gross State product at 1989-90 prices (trend)	Mar. qtr 96	1.0	1.4	0.6	0.9	1.1	0.9	0.3	0.4	1.0
Gross State product at current prices (trend)	Mar. qtr 96	1.6	1.8	0.8	1.5	1.6	0.8	0.5	1.3	1.6
BUILDING APPROVALS										
Dwelling units approved	July 96	40.8	11.6	16.3	21.1	5.9	-37.9	32.8	23.4	21.5
Dwelling units approved (trend)	July 96	2.9	-0.4	2.4	0.3	-5.4	-6.3	8.6	-16.5	0.2
Value of non-residential building approved	July 96	6.1	-21.9	9.9	55.8	0.7	229.3	20.8	-40.2	2.8
Value of all buildings approved	July 96	27.9	2.1	20.9	28.8	2.6	59.7	21.1	-28.9	16.7
ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION										
Value of engineering construction work done	Mar. qtr 96	-5.4	5.3	-18.0	17.9	-20.1	15.9	-29.9	-23.0	-8.6
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS										
Full-time adult ordinary time (trend)	May qtr 96	0.7	1.1	0.5	1.4	1.1	1.5	0.3	0.6	0.8
RETAIL TRADE										
Retail turnover (trend)	July 96	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.9	-0.4	0.0	-0.4	1.0	0.4
HOTELS, MOTELS & GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION										
Room nights occupied (trend)	Dec. qtr 95	0.7	0.5	1.3	1.4	0.9	1.0	2.7	-5.6	0.8
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS										
Trend	July 96	0.2	-0.2	-1.4	-1.8	0.7	2.7	-2.4	-3.1	-0.3
	Latest period	Syd.	Melb.	Bris.	Adel.	Perth	Hob.	Dar.	Canb.	Aust.
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX										
(1989-90=100.0)										
Food	June qtr 96	0.9	1.6	0.7	0.2	0.8	0.3	1.0	0.3	1.0
Housing	June qtr 96	0.7	0.6	0.4	—	0.4	0.4	1.2	0.3	0.6
Transportation	June qtr 96	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.1	0.6	0.7	1.2	1.9	1.1
All Groups	June qtr 96	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.7
Average retail prices (cents)										
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	June qtr 96	—	0.8	—	-0.9	—	—	3.6	—	n.a.
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	June qtr 96	4.9	6.1	6.1	-7.2	5.9	—	—	3.4	n.a.
Beef, rump steak	June qtr 96	-1.8	-3.0	-1.1	4.1	-0.2	-2.9	3.3	-4.0	n.a.
Chicken, frozen	June qtr 96	19.1	3.3	15.6	-0.6	-0.6	9.4	0.5	-2.6	n.a.
Potatoes	June qtr 96	-13.5	-11.6	-14.9	-2.8	-3.4	-12.5	-8.9	-16.1	n.a.
Coffee, instant	June qtr 96	-1.0	-0.5	1.7	-4.3	2.7	-0.8	2.9	-2.6	n.a.
Scotch nip, public bar	June qtr 96	1.0	1.9	0.8	0.9	-13.8	7.3	0.3	3.0	n.a.
Private motoring petrol, leaded	June qtr 96	3.4	3.1	3.4	3.1	1.6	1.8	3.3	4.1	n.a.
Private motoring petrol, unleaded	June qtr 96	3.5	3.0	3.2	3.2	1.6	1.9	3.3	4.1	n.a.

¹ Change shown in terms of percentage points.² State estimates are not comparable to national estimates for June quarter 1995 due to revised aggregates in Australian National Accounts, State Accounts (5242.0).

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